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Applicant(s):	Emery W. Dilling	
Title:	PROSTHETIC AORTIC VALVE	
Art Unit:	3738	
Examiner:	Thomas C. Barrett	
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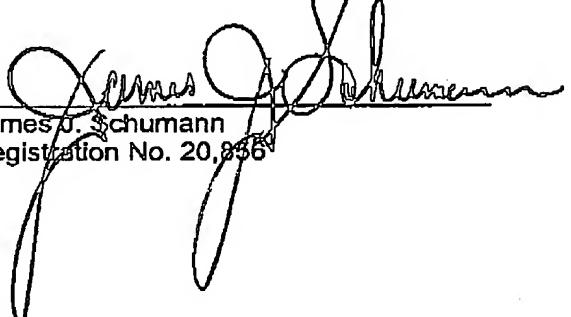
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